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the municipality of Buenos Aires will soon be launched against La Prensa, Argentina's leading and most respected newspaper, with a view to forcing that paper out of circulation.

2. The campaign will seek to prove that La Prensa owes considerable sums in back taxes, that its shops are in bad condition, and that its employees are not satisfied with wages and working conditions. The government thus hopes to force La Prensa to close down by employing tactics similar to those used against La Vanguardia, the Socialist organ which recently ceased official publication, although it manages to publish a bulletin clandestinely.
3. In connection with the campaign against La Prensa, it is reported that on 17 September the business firm known as Casa Iturrat closed its offices in order of the government. No reason was given, but it is reported that the owner of this firm, said to be the illegitimate son of Jose C. Paz of La Prensa, in the past has contributed 80,000 pesos to La Vanguardia and has otherwise helped the Socialist Party.

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